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(C) Embassy Political Officer delivered reftel demarche September 20 to MOFA Human Rights Division Principal Deputy Director Yoriko Suzuki. Suzuki asked for another update on the responses from other Bern Process countries, saying Japan needed more time before deciding whether to participate in the joint demarche. In addition, Japan does not want "Bern Process" in the title of the demarche unless it is adopted by all the member countries.
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